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Representative Harkins: Bond Commission Approves Grant for Stratford



\$487,800 to be used for local road project

Hartford-State Representative John Harkins, R-Stratford, announced the State Bond Commission today approved a \$487,500 grant to widen and realign Huntington Road in Stratford. This is a town-approved project that has been

in the planning stages for almost a decade. The Bond Commission approved the allocation during its monthly meeting in Hartford this morning.

The project will widen the roadway along the Stratford-Trumbull Town line. It includes minor alignment corrections and drainage improvements, including the replacement of a cross culvert with a box culvert. Additionally, plans call for creating a turn around area for large trucks unable to pass under the Merritt Parkway Bridge. The project is expected to be put out to bid in spring 2006, with construction starting later that year. It is expected to be completed in late 2007.

"For years, people have complained about the condition and safety of Huntington Road," said Rep. Harkins. "Today's grant will certainly move this project forward. It will also minimize the impact on Stratford taxpayers in saving town funds."